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SUBJ: ROK CABINET CHANGES

1. PRESIDENT PARK ANNOUNCED EXTENSIVE CABINET CHANGES
MORNING DECEMBER 3. TEN NEW CABINET MINISTERS WERE NAMED
AS WELL AS DIRECTOR ROK/CIA, PROSECUTOR GENERAL, AND
AMBASSADORS TO WASHINGTON AND TOKYO. EARLIER SAME DAY
PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL HAD DELIVERED RESIGNATIONS
ENTIRE CABINET TO BLUE HOUSE. THE REASON GIVEN FOR
OFFER OF RESIGNATIONS WAS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECENT
SERIES OF INTERNAL EVENTS. NEW APPOINTMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
PRESENT POSITION IN PARENTHESIS:

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: KIM DONG-CHO (AMBASSADOR TO U.S.)

HOME AFFAIRS: HONG SONG-CHOL (PRESIDENTIAL SENIOR SECRETARY
POLITICAL AFFAIRS)

JUSTICE: YI PONG-SONG (PROSECUTOR GENERAL)

DEFENSE: SO CHONG-CHOL (SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT
FOR DEFENSE AFFAIRS)

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY: CHANG YE-CHUN (MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION)

CONSTRUCTION: YI NAK-SON (MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY)

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS: KO CHAE-PHIL (NATIONAL ASSEMPLYMAN

--YUCHONG-HOE)

COMMUNICATIONS: MUN HYONG-TAE (NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN--

DRP; FORMER CHAIRMAN JCS)

GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION: SIM HUNG-SON

(AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN)

UNIFICATION BOARD: KIM YONG-SHIK (FOREIGN MINISTER)

2. NON-CABINET APPOINTMENTS ARE:

DIRECTOR CIA: SIN CHIK-SU (JUSTICE MINISTER)

PROSECUTOR GENERAL: KIM CHI-YOL (DEPUTY DIRECTOR CIA)

AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES: HAM PYONG-CHUN (SPECIAL

ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS)

AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN: KIM YONG-SON (MINISTER UNIFICATION BOARD)

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